



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 283***

LCO No. 1683

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPICE SERVICES  
UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-28e of the 2008 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 [(a) Not later than September 30, 2002, the Commissioner of Social  
5 Services shall submit an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to  
6 implement the provisions of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special  
7 session\* concerning optional services under the Medicaid program.  
8 Said state plan amendment shall supersede any regulations of  
9 Connecticut state agencies concerning such optional services.]

10 [(b)] The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
11 state plan to include: [foreign] (1) Foreign language interpreter services  
12 provided to any beneficiary with limited English proficiency; and (2)  
13 hospice services (A) provided in all settings, including, but not limited  
14 to, a private home, nursing home, residential care home or specialized  
15 residence that provides supportive services, and (B) including the

16 provision of bereavement services as [a] covered [service] services  
17 under the Medicaid program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-28e
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***Joint Favorable C/R***

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